Construction of Narmada dam near Kevadia

*558. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) when was the idea of constructing Narmada dam near Kevadia conceived;

(b) when was the foundation stone of the project laid and by whom;

(c) when was the permission for construction of Dam granted and by whom;

(d) when was the clearance by the Ministry of Environment and Forests granted;

(e) what was the estimated cost of construction at the time of the commencement of the work; and

(f) how much amount has been spent for the construction of the dam and canals by the State Government of Gujarat and or the Central Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) The erstwhile Central Water and Power Commission carried out a study of the hydro-electric potential of the Narmada basin in the year 1955 and finally decided the Navagam Site, near Kevadia, in consultation with the erstwhile Government of Bombay for construction of Sardar Sarovar Dam (Narmada Dam).

(b) The project was inaugurated by late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 5th April, 1961.

(c) to (e) The Ministry of Environment & Forests accorded environmental clearance to the project on 24th June, 1987. The Planning Commission, on 5th October, 1988 accorded investment approval for Rs. 6406.04 crore (1986-87 price level) to the project report prepared by the State Government of Gujarat for constructing Sardar Sarovar dam with full reservoir level of 138.68 metre (455 feet) as decided by the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal in its award.

(f) The expenditure made by the State Government of Gujarat on the project as on 31.3.2006 is as under:

		(Rs. in crore)
Until I	Dam & appurtenant works	3619.89
Unit II	Main Canal	4415.48
Unit III	Hydro-power	1897.91
Group-IV	Branches & Distributaries	4887.91
Group-V	Common expenditure	6367.70
Group-VI	Non-sharable expenditure	222.92
	TOTAL	21411.81

The above expenditure is inclusive of Rs. 5838.04 crore interest on market borrowing.

The Central Government has provided Central assistance under Accelerate Irrigation Benefit Programme to the irrigation component of the project to the extent of Rs. 4415.85 crore as loan/grant from 1996-97 to 2005-06 which is part of above expenditure.

Subsidy on petroleum products

*559. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum subsidy given annually on petroleum products;

(b) the quantum of petrol and diesel requirement annually;

(c) the quantum of petrol and diesel required for road transport on annual basis; and

(d) the steps taken to discourage use of petrol/diesel?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) The subsidy paid by the Government on